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### SIMPLER BALLOTS NEEDED

That portion of Governor Lea's message which relates to elections and the ballot are well worth consideration. It is accepted that the cumbersome and more or less intricate ballot now used is absurd and confusing; yet it must be admitted that the voters have learned very well how to mark them, and independent voting is the feature at every election. At the same time a simpler ballot would not doubt prevent the heavy percentage of loss through defective ballots rejected and the task of the election officers in making their counts be lessened. The governor favors ballots containing the names only of the candidates of one party, and this would certainly prove better than the present big sheets full of names.

"There should be more freedom of judgment given the election officers in order to prevent the wholesale rejection of ballots on the grounds of mutilation, defective marking, and supposed marking for evil or other purposes. Common sense is alone necessary on the part of the election officers, and with the single ballot used the handling thereof would be facilitated, both for the voter and for the election officers. Further, the governor believes that with a simpler ballot the necessity of voters' assistants could be done away with.

"We have never looked with full favor on the voters' assistants, in view of the allegation that they were sometimes used for partisan tricks and to further the ends of bribery and vote-buying. Yet under the blanket ballot system it is discovered that many otherwise intelligent citizens frequently call upon the assistants at the polls to help mark ballots properly. This is not, as one of these officers has informed us, restricted to the ignorant voters, but rather to the educated voter who lacks the faculty of comprehending the present method of marking. With the single ballot, however, voting would be made easy, at the same time retaining all the provisions which tend to secrecy and keeping the ballots in the hands of officers. Simplified ballots are being demanded."

### CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS

Mrs. Emma Campbell and Miss Florence Woolley, of Elkton, and Miss Alice Hanson, of Baltimore, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley the past week.

Mrs. William Boren and son are visiting relatives in Wilmington.

John Evans, of Elkton, has been spending a few days at the home of J. H. Steele.

William Schaefer, of Delaware College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaefer.

Mrs. George D. Maiton, of Washington, D. C., is spending sometime with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. G. C. Loveless.

Mrs. Ralph H. Rees spent Christmas with relatives at Smyrna, Del.

E. L. Titter, of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days with his family here.

Miss Margaret and Sadie Tatman, of Baltimore, have been spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatman.

Miss Nan Hayes spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Bear, Del.

Mrs. Charles Green and daughter, Katherine, left on Saturday for their home in Berkeley, Cal., after having put several months with her mother, Mrs. Mary Beuchler.

Miss Gussie Green is visiting in Wilmington.

Mrs. Harry Ruchelle and daughter, Miss Manly, spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Elliott, of Newark, Del., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Willis.

Miss Sossie Springs, of Fairmont, M. I., and Mr. C. E. Burrows, of Baltimore, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws Christmas week.

Frank W. Jefferson, of Warren, Pa., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. D. A. Jefferson.

Miss Alice Queck, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. E. J. Sherman, of Germantown, visited her son, H. W. Sherman, last week.

Miss Maggie Lyons, of Seaford, Del., has been visiting Miss Bessie Loveless.

Miss Helen Wells, of Elkton, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. D. A. Jefferson.

Miss Sarah Hickman, of Wilmington, visited her aunt, Mrs. S. C. Lindsay, this week.

### LEGISLATURE ORGANIZES

Sparks is President of Senate and House Speaker of House

For the first time in many years the Republicans Tuesday organized both branches of the Legislature without the least friction, the officers nominated in the party caucuses the night before being elected in House and Senate. The Democrats put forward a candidate for each office and the parties lined up solidly against each other, the Republicans having a substantial majority in each branch. Senator George W. Sparks of Wilmington, was elected president pro tem of the Senate, and Representative Richard Hodgson, of Townsend, was elected as Speaker of the House. The other officers of the Senate elected are: Secretary, Colonel Levi G. Sterner, of Camden; Colonel Kenton; recording clerk, Harry C. Johnson, of Clayton; Kent county; sergeant-at-arms, Seth M. Meredith, of Millsboro; Sussex county; enrolling clerk, Parial B. Norman, of Dover; Sussex county; chaplain, Rev. George P. Smith, of Clayton; Kent county; page, Theodore L. Cook, of Dover; Kent county. The other officers of the House chosen were: Clerk, William J. Swain, of Bridgeville; Sussex county; reading clerk, James W. Lattimus, of Wilmington; sergeant-at-arms, C. W. Riggins, of Laurel; Sussex county; enrolling clerk, Mansel Rash, of Dover; Kent county; chaplain, Rev. C. A. Ogg, of Dover; Kent county; page, J. R. Carrow, of Dover. Both branches Tuesday afternoon took a recess until Monday morning next at 11 o'clock, to give the presiding officers an opportunity to make up their committees. President pro tem Sparks will name the Senate committees. Before adjourning, the Governor's message, an able document, was read and several bills introduced.

After the caucus of Republican members of the House which adjourned at 3:15 o'clock Tuesday morning, everybody seemed to be short on sleep but long on happiness when they began to congregate in the state House. If there was any bitterness after the early morning struggle it had disappeared. The general feeling seemed to be that the caucus results had not altered the Senatorial situation, which is still "in the air" because of the attitude of Judge James Pennewill, who it is said can be elected if he will say he would accept, but who has not stated yet that he would accept the honor, or that he would reject it. If Judge Pennewill gets out of the contest—and he is not a candidate in any sense of the word—it would narrow the contest down between Senator Allee and Hon. H. A. Richardson. There is some intimation of a boom for Congressman Itham R. Barton for the Senate in such a contingency.

Our revenue system should be incorporated in one comprehensive, adequate and thoroughly fair measure which should be couched in language so simple that every one might readily understand the same.

The General Assembly will probably not continue its present session more than the constitutional limit of sixty days. If you should be unable during that time to fully consider and enact proper and adequate law in relation to the revenue of the State, I would suggest that a Joint Committee of the Senate and House be appointed to frame such law and instructed to report at an adjourned session of the General Assembly to be held in November of the present year.

Governor Lea recommends a thorough revision of the revenue system of the State's favor of the bill to law; advocates good roads suggests law governing the operation of automobiles; wants to discontinue to pay equal tax with saloon men, and desires improvements in State Hospital; wants Australian ballot law repealed.

REGISTER'S ORDER.  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., 1907.  
Upon the application of Benjamin W. Hatch, Executor of Mary G. Hatch, late of Appoquinimink Hundred, in said county, it is ordered, and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor do give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by mailing advertisements to be posted in forty days from the date of such order in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same, duly verified, to the said Register of Wills, on or before the twentieth day of March, 1907, or within the time in such case made and provided, and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Delaware State Gazette, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

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### GOVERNOR ON ECONOMY

Favors Many New Laws and Advocates Good Roads

Both Houses heard Governor Lea's message Tuesday afternoon.

Governor Lea said in part:

During the past two years, I have endeavored to acquaint myself with the affairs of the State. Where I could find any method of conducting its affairs in a more expeditious and economical manner consistent with the statutes, I have not hesitated to make suggestions and have found such suggestions readily accepted by the several officers. During this period I am pleased to say I have failed to find any waste of the public funds. The several State officers and Boards have been zealous in their efforts to secure to the public full value for all funds disbursed.

The expenditures of the State have steadily increased during the past fifty years.

A careful analysis of increased expenditures in this State demonstrates that such increase has arisen from efforts to render public service more efficient, that amelioration of condition of State wards, and the extension of State aid for educational, scientific, charitable and benevolent purposes. While these appropriations have been neither lavish nor wasteful in the past, the time has arrived for caution to call a halt and stern necessity to check further increase.

Right economy in public affairs would receive a healthy impulse if the General Assembly would exercise the greatest care in the appropriation of money and adhere only to those measures, involving the expenditure of public funds, which will commend themselves to the approval and public spirit of the citizens of this State.

I recommend that before any appropriations be determined upon, you should secure from the State Treasurer a statement of the probable receipts for the two years next ensuing the fixed charges against the public funds, and make all other appropriations with the view of avoiding a deficit.

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## M. BANNING,

DEALER IN STAPLE AND FANCY

## GROCERIES!

Also peaches and prunes are now in and almonds, walnuts and coconuts.

Don't forget the next day you make soup that we have twelve vegetable in one can, which will help out in making a variety.

We are now ready to supply the farmers and butchers with coarse and fine salt in any size package. We have Clawson's pure peppers ground and whole, also the cayenne and white pepper, salt petre, etc.

We are still keeping up our stock of fresh vegetables, foreign and domestic fruits.

We have a few bargains to offer you in muslin and outing flannel. 10 cent outtings we will close out at 8 cents a yard.

M. BANNING.

Phone 60.

### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

### APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,

JANUARY 5th, 12th, 19th and 27th, '07. From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY: SECTION 35. That on all taxes paid before the first day of August there shall be an abatement of 5 per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid after the first day of December five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WILLIAM H. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred.

### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

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### Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE

JANUARY 26th, 1907. From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, JANUARY 21st, 1907. From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT DELAWARE, (DAVIS' STORE) JANUARY 24th, 1907. From 10 A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M.

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JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred.

### SECURITY

319 Market St. Wilmington, Del.

Capital (paid up) \$100,000.00. Surplus and Profit \$57,007.75.

Authorized to act as Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Guardian, Assignee, Receiver, Registrar and Agent.

Allows interest on Deposits, Loans Money on Mortgages and other good Security.

Attends to the Management of Real Estate and to the Collection and Redemption of Bonds, Lotteries and Securities and Dividends on Stocks.

Rents Boxes in its Burglar and Fireproof Vaults.

Keeps Wills without charge. Correspondence solicited.

OFFICERS: Benjamin Nields, President. James R. Clark, Vice President. Lewis L. Howell, Sec. & Treasurer. L. Scott Tweed, Treasurer.

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## Lumber and Coal

YARD

G. E. HUKILL

Middletown, Del.

White Pine, Yellow

Pine, Hemlock and

Cypress. All kinds

Building Lumber.

Shingles, Lath and

Pickets. Mill Work

of all kinds in stock

and to order. Building

and Agricultural

Lime. Woven

Wire Fence, Woven

Picket Fence, Barb

Wire and Plain

Wire.

Best value of

HARD AND SOFT COAL

SECTIONAL

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The man who has only a dozen

books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detach the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

General Furniture.

CARPETS, WINDOW SHADES

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ITS BRANCHES.

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Middle Town as follows:  
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m., 4:00 p. m., and 8:00 p. m.  
Coming South—7:00 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 3:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m., and 8:00 p. m.  
For Middletown, Cecilton and Barlowe 9:30 a. m., and 8:00 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 5, 1907.

### Local News

Gather Walnuts and take them to Middletown.

**HOUSE SHOEING.**—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Let us do your printing, no matter how small the order, and give us a chance to prove how well we can do it.

After January 1st the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5; and 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8:30.

Take your Walnuts to C. S. MONTGOMERY and get the highest cash price.

MONTGOMERY will pay cash for Black Walnuts in the shell.

Do not neglect your teeth. A little attention now will save you much pain and expense later on. Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Middletown, will make examination and estimate without charge. Gas given for painless extracting.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at

EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

Hustlers wanted every where \$25 to \$30 made weekly. Distributing Circulars, packages, overseeing Out Door Advertising. Experience not needed, new plan. No canvassing. Address, Merchants Out Door Advertising Co., 79 Dearborn St., Chicago.

FOR SALE.—The "Vail Farm," containing 120 acres, at Hickory Grove, 2 miles from Delaware City. This is an exceptionally fine farm. Also the home farm of Thomas Reese, near Chesapeake City, containing 110 acres, with everything in complete order. These are two fine homes.

Call and see the Specials we offer for 5 cents a week at our Big 5 and 10 cent stores.

MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

EXTRACTIONS ABSOLUTELY PAINLESS. A specialty, by the new improved Sinton forceps. No after effects. For moderate prices and perfect satisfaction guaranteed on all dental work, call and see

DR. G. A. BROWN.

H. R. Wilson has received a new supply of the famous Lipnitz 44 Cigars. If you are thinking of making a Christmas present get a box. They are 10c quality at 5c price, do not let your dealer sell you something that he says are just as good. For sale only by H. R. Wilson.

FOR RENT—Large commodious corner store in Odessa, now occupied by F. B. Watkins. Apply to

D. W. CORBIT, Odessa, Del.

FOR RENT—Store Room, Broad and Lake streets. Good location and business opportunity. Possession on March 25th, 1907.

WILLIAM BROCKSON.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Miss Emma Blackstone, on Cass street, yesterday afternoon.

The Luncheon Club was pleasantly entertained on Friday afternoon by Miss Martha Heaton, at her home on Cass street. The members are: Misses Ethel Brady, Lydia Cochran, Martha Heaton, Emma Willis, Maria Nowland, Dora Price, Mrs. G. L. Cochran and Mrs. J. C. Stites.

There was no meeting at the Century Club Tuesday, it being New Year's day. The program for next Tuesday includes: Business meeting; "English Lake Country," Mrs. Wilmer Pennington; "English Agitators," Miss Ethel Brady; Current Event; Music.

We hope our subscribers will send in the amount due us. Each dollar means a year's work for us, and while we have been waiting on you, obligations have been growing and we now need prompt payment of these bills, even if they are only one dollar.

The first of the series of University Extension Lectures will be given in the Opera House on Friday, January 4th. All of these lectures will be accompanied with music. We hope those who have not purchased course tickets will take advantage of the very low price of the single lecture, 25 cents.

A very delightful musicale was given on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. J. F. McWhorter by the W. C. T. U. The house was very comfortably filled and a very interesting program given. Ice cream and cake were sold after the musical.

The following was the program: Instrumental duet, Misses Eugene Beaton and Mary Maxwell; Selection, Phonograph; Instrumental solo, Miss Helen Naudain; Vocal solo, Mr. J. C. Parker, Jr.; Recitation, Miss Lola Ingram; Instrumental duet, Misses Alice McKee and Lena Pleasanton; Selection, Phonograph; Vocal solo, Miss Roberts; Recitation, Miss Lola Ingram; Instrumental solo, Miss Helen Naudain; Selection, Phonograph; Instrumental duet, Misses Alice McKee and Lena Pleasanton; Vocal solo, Miss Roberts. About \$15 were cleared which was very gratifying to the members of the W. C. T. U.

On New Year's night, Miss Esther Shalleross royally entertained a number of young friends at a six course dinner, at her beautiful home "Bellevue," near here. The affair was given in honor of Miss Grace Hart Parvis. The dining room was decorated with greens, and the table was banked with liberty vine and trimmed with many red candles. Each cover was marked by a New Year's favor. In the evening music and cards were enjoyed. The guests were: Misses Helen Cochran, Mary Nowland, Louise McDowell, Grace Parvis, Susan Ford, F. J. Green, Helen Brady, Justine Peverley, Helen Shalleross, and Messrs. Harry Brady, Lee to Green, George Lockwood, John Ford, Lloyd Bragdon, Sydney Peverley, Eliza Shalleross, John McMillen, Joseph Comery and Norman McMillen.

The George F. Lee Company, which was chartered at Dover recently to manufacture chemicals at Middletown, organized in Wilmington last week at the office of Judge Edwin R. Cochran. The Judge is a director and the general counsel for the concern. The company, which has a capitalization of \$50,000, will erect a large chemical laboratory here in the near future. The incorporators are George F. Lee and William E. Lee, of Middletown; Dr. H. F. Smith, of Odessa, Del., and Judge Cochran, of Wilmington.

Officials of the P. B. and W. railroad from the division superintendent down to the assistant yardmasters are much elated over an order from headquarters granting the heads of the various departments a very substantial increase in their pay in addition to the recent ten per cent. increase. Under the new order division superintendents get about \$80 a month more than heretofore, transmitters get \$65 a month, chief clerk now receive about \$200 a month, yardmasters get \$40 a month more, assistant yardmasters \$20 more, and so on down the entire office force.

**THE MISSES COCHRAN ENTERTAIN**

"Cochran Grange," the palatial home of the Misses Berrie and Louise Cochran on Monday evening, December the thirty-first, was the scene of a most magnificent dance. The trimmings of holly, candelabras and Japanese lanterns were truly artistic. The many friends of the Misses Cochran in expressing their extreme pleasure upon taking their departure simply said, "We can not find words to explain our joy, but we will say it has been the success of the season."

Among those present were: Misses Edna Green, Helen Cochran, Justine Peverley, Susan Ford, Mary Nowland, Julia Lockwood, Helen Brady, Maria Nowland, Grace Parvis, Grace Helliwell, Catherine Pennington, Edith Mailley, Frances April, Messrs. Harry Lockwood, Julian Ford, Harry Brady, Fred Crouch, Elias Shalleross, Sydney Peverley, Benjamin T. Biggs, George Lockwood, Joseph Parker, Jr., Lloyd Bragdon, Isaac Gibbs, Lucien Green, Joseph Comery, George Kelley, Jr., Dr. E. M. Vanghan, and Mrs. Edgar Clark, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Mrs. A. G. Bragdon and Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Gray, Middletown; George Stephens, Odessa, Pa.; David Scott, Elkton; James Woodall, Georgetown, Md.; W. A. Hyland, Galena.

**"SURPRISE SHOWER" AND DINNER**

Miss Dora Price delightfully entertained a number of friends on Wednesday afternoon, from 3 to 5, at a luncheon given in honor of Miss Frances Woodall of Georgetown, Md., who on January 17th will become the bride of Mr. John Welch of Baltimore. A "kitchen shower" surprise was given the bride-elect and many useful in and waste articles started a collection of cooking utensils. The kitchen shower was a surprise for Miss Woodall and greatly pleased her. Ice cream, cake and salted almonds were served.

The guests were: Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, Mrs. W. R. Parker, Mrs. J. C. Stites, Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Mrs. G. L. Cochran, Misses Grace Parvis, Justine Peverley, Helen Cochran, Adele Cochran, Lydia Lockwood, Maria Nowland, Lydia Cochran, Susan Ford, Laura Willis, Sara Cochran, May Holten, Agnes Cochran, Blanche Wright, Clara Willis, Bessie Cochran, Mary Nowland, Martha Heaton, Eliza Green, Edith Cochran, Esther Shalleross and Louise McDowell.

On the same day a dinner was given in honor of Miss Woodall by Miss Julia E. M. Lockwood, at 6 P. M. The guests were: Miss Blanche Wright, Warwick; Mr. George Dutton, Baltimore; Mr. Chas. Bush, Wilmington; Mr. Joshua Clayton, Elkton; Misses Dora Price, Justine Peverley, Grace Parvis, Messrs. George, Harry and James Lockwood and H. S. Brady of Middletown.

**CHURCH NOTES**

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Beginning with God, and continuing with Him." Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-14; 15:1-7. Leader, Miss May Holten.

The Week of Prayer will be observed by the Forest Presbyterian Church. Services will be held every evening of next week except Saturday evening. The subject for meditation and prayer will be as follows: Monday, January 7th, "The Church of the Living God"; Tuesday, January 8th, "The Gospel of God's Son"; Wednesday, January 9th, "The Christian Ministry"; Thursday, January 10th, "Missions, Home and Foreign." This service will be led by the Rev. S. Beattie Wyllie. Friday, January 11th, "Christian Institutions and the Coming of the Kingdom." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

**TOWNSEND**

Miss Elsie Carey, of near Smyrna, has been visiting Miss Lillian West.

Mrs. Voelkel, of Smyrna, is visiting in town.

Sherman Webb, of Odessa, has been visiting in town during the past week.

Miss Emma Carpenter, of West Chester State Normal School, visited Miss Mary Money during the holidays.

Miss Bessie Palmer, of Wilmington, spent Thursday of the past week with Mrs. B. M. West.

Misses Anna Jones and Louise Rallege, of West Chester Normal School, who have been home during the holidays have returned to their studies.

The revival services of the M. E. Church have begun again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson and family, of Delmar, visiting relatives and friends during the past week.

Miss Katherine Hutchinson spent Friday of the past week in Philadelphia.

Edward Hart, wife and family spent New Year's Day in Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Politt, of Philadelphia, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

### HYMENEAL

#### LODGE-TOWNSEND

Miss Martha Townsend daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend of Odessa, and Dr. Edward Ballard Lodge of Cleveland, Ohio, were united in marriage Thursday evening of last week, at the M. E. Church. The latter was beautifully decorated with evergreens, holly and crowsfoot, the chancel being literally banked with tall evergreen trees which almost completely hid the pipe organ from view. The color effect was green and white. The weather was inclement and the rain descended in heavy showers, but despite this fact a large and representative company of friends gathered to witness the ceremony. Promptly at six o'clock the wedding march from Lohengrin was struck up by Miss Mary Hatchin of Middletown, at which time the brides entered the right aisle, passed around in front of the chancel and came up the left aisle and formed an arch for a wedding party to pass through. The bride who was given to be married by her father was met at the altar by the groom and his best man Mr. Louis Ballard of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. They were married by Rev. Alfred T. Scott of Wilmington, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Gandy pastor of the church. While the ceremony was being said, the organist softly and effectively played "Airs from the Opera House." The maid of honor was Miss Helen Townsend sister of the bride, and the bridesmaids were Miss Cornelia Townsend, sister of the bride; Mrs. William Irvin of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, sister of the groom; Miss Louise VanDyke, Ridley Park, Pa.; and Miss Ethel Lindsey Mailly of Odessa. The ushers were: George L. Townsend, Jr.; Henry S. Townsend, William T. Townsend, brothers of the bride, and William T. Scott, of Wilmington, cousin of the bride. In this connection it might be said the bride had more than the usual amount of disappointment in getting her wedding party arranged. Owing to sickness and other causes, four substitutes had to be made at the last moment.

The bride was becomingly gowned in messaline and princess lace with veil. She carried a shawker bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Her only ornament was a brooch of eight pearls and sapphires, gift of the groom. The maid of honor wore green messaline and carried a bunch of sweet peas. The bridesmaids were gowned in white with green sashes, each carrying a basket of evergreen and white carnations. Following the ceremony a brilliant reception was tendered the bride and groom at the home of her parents, at which time an opportunity was given all to see the display of magnificent gifts. A sumptuous collation was served under the direction of Caterer Hanna of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Lodge left for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will make their home. The groom is a successful young dentist of that city and has a large and growing practice.

**SPICER-HUTCHINSON**

At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a company of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, in Townsend, to witness the marriage of her daughter Katherine to Mr. William H. Spicer, a young farmer of near Blackbird.

The bride was prettily gowned in white China silk, and wore a veil which was worn by her sister on a similar occasion. The groom was attired in the conventional black. As the notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march were being played to the happy company by Miss Ethelwyn Maloney the words of the union were spoken by the Rev. Mr. MacSorley. The parlor in which the ceremony was performed was artistically draped in crepe of white and yellow, which were the class colors of Pennington Seminary from which Mrs. Spicer graduated in music.

In one corner of the room was a background of potted plants and before this was placed a pretty ring of white bear skin which formed the bridal altar. Grouped in the front of the company was the Sunday School class of little girls who were invited to see their beloved teacher married. At the close of the ceremony all present were served with refreshments by friends of the bride. The bride then dressed in a going away suit of mole cloth. Her hat was of a delicate blue felt, and her appearance was altogether pleasing. Leaving the home the bridal pair were driven to the depot. Amid showers of rice they boarded the train for Stevensville, Kent Island, Md., where they will spend several days. Then they go to Baltimore retaining home the 10th inst. On their return a reception will be given in their honor at the home of the groom's parents near Blackbird, where the newly married couple will reside.

Mrs. Spicer is well known as a good entertainer, and her friends anticipate having a good time at her reception. The most hearty congratulations were received by the lucky groom, and the wishes heaped to the bride by her friends who appreciate her for her many good traits, were sincere.

**MESSICK-HAZEL**

Miss Blanche P. Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hazel, of Smyrna, and Dr. W. Victor Messick, a well-known practicing physician of Smyrna, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Messick, of Middletown, decided to start the new year right, so Tuesday they left on the Norfolk Express for Wilmington and were married at 5:30 o'clock at 715 King street, the residence of Rev. T. A. McCurdy, D. D., the well-known Presbyterian minister. Mrs. H. D. Bodie, of Philadelphia, sister of the bride, who is visiting in Smyrna, accompanied them to Wilmington, where they met Miss Blanche Hazel, another sister of the bride, and Miss H. D. Bodie. After the ceremony they left for Philadelphia where they saw some of the "About Town," and dined at the Bellevue Stratford. Owing to the fact that the groom has several cases he can't leave at this time they will postpone their wedding trip until later. They arrived home at noon Wednesday and will for the present make their residence in the property now occupied by Dr. Messick on Main street.—Smyrna Times.

**SALES TO TAKE PLACE**

Tuesday, February 26th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Dr. C. H. Green, on East Main street, Middletown, Del. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

The Transcript, \$1.00 per year.

### PERSONALITIES

Miss Eva E. Whitlock has been visiting in Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor spent Saturday in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Emma Jerman, of Smyrna, visited friends here this week.

Miss Helen Vanduser, of Wilmington, was the guest of relatives here this week.

Mr. H. S. Bensten who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Caswell, of New York City, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Mary Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Howell and little son were guests of her parents in Smyrna last Sunday.

Miss Estella G. Suydam, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Suydam.

Mr. Raymond Edwards, of near Chiefterville, Md., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. John J. Jolla.

Mr. Harry Moore, of Elkton, was the guest of Mr. Theodore Whitlock and family several days this week.

The many friends of Mr. Corbit Vinard will be sorry to learn of him being critically ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shalleross and children, of Trenton, N. J., spent last week with R. B. Cochran and family.

Mrs. E. D. Hearne and son George, of Georgetown, spent part of the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Manlove Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hardestate and daughter, Miss Corinne, of New York City, are visiting his sister, Mrs. Thomas Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ford and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Evans, of Elkton, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Pool, in McDonough.

**ODESSA**

Mrs. I. G. Webb spent New Year's Day in Philadelphia.

Miss Louise N. Corbit is the guest of her sister at Newark.

Miss Mary Stringfellow and Mr. Walter Keen were visitors in town part of this week.

Mrs. M. Norton, of California, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. Greenminger.

Miss Bertha Stevens visited Philadelphia and Chester from Tuesday until Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Hames, of Philadelphia, is spending some time here with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Reynolds.

Rev. R. L. Hallett and wife had as their guest this week his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hallett, of Milford.

Ashton and Alder Cleaver, of Wilmington, visited their brother, Mr. R. G. Cleaver and wife part of this week.

Miss Lucy Appleton and brother, Mr. Thomas Appleton, spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Bowersville, Del.

Mrs. J. H. Melvin and Mr. Joseph Hanscom, of Baltimore, were guests at the home of Mrs. D. G. Gilch on New Year's Day.

Mr. Fred Davis and wife and Clyde Davis, of Wilmington, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Davis, a few days this week.

Mr. Frank Long and Mrs. India Andrews, of Wilmington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Long, part of last week.

Master Joseph Rhodes, of Summit Bridge, has returned home after having spent a week here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rhodes.

**WARWICK**

Mr. E. E. Marsh spent part of this week with Mr. Biddle House near Chester-town.

J. W. Johns is in Wilmington at this writing.

Mrs. Jo n Latomus returned from Smyrna on Tuesday.

After the holidays our public school reopened on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. C. Lynch and daughter have returned from Wilmington.

Miss Elvora R. Finley visited Mrs. B. S. Hall on Sunday last.

Miss Edna Stephens visited Mrs. Mary A. Lofland on Wednesday.

Prof. Guy Johnson has returned from Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holden accompanied by their son J. Harry, of Chester, visited their daughter on Bohemia Manor on Sunday.

Mrs. Alfred Jones has returned from Wilmington, Del.

We are inclined to believe that there will be two weddings in our town in the near future as two prospective grooms are furnishing homes.

Mr. T. P. DeVine and children are spending this week in the Quaker City.

Very few changes were made by the residents of our town on New Year's day. Those that we notice are follows: Harold Bonetelle vacated the Simmons property going to Earleville. Mr. Simmons came from the Woodall farm to the above.

Mr. P. E. Johns vacated the property on Elk street known as the Stapp property and occupied his new residence on Main street. Mrs. James Huss succeeds Mr. Johns. Wilson Merritt goes from the corner property to the Gillespie house.

**ST. GEORGES**

Harry Bucken is spending sometime in New York.

Miss Lucie Hill was in Delaware City on Thursday.

Miss Anna Stewart left on Thursday for Philadelphia.

James H. S. Gam and wife spent New Year's day in Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie Jones returned to her position in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Garrett Otherson and Miss Collins were married in Wilmington on Thursday.

Mrs. Robinson, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones.

Miss Sarah Milligan returned to her studies in Philadelphia after spending the week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Milligan.

### CECILTON

Revival services have begun in the M. E. Church.

Albert Shaw has been spending the past week in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Blackway has returned from spending the past week in Wilmington.

Mrs. George Richards has had as her guest her brother, Mr. Watts, of Philadelphia.

J. L. Strack, of Philadelphia, spent over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. S. W. Luby.

Miss Marion Clark has been spending several days with her parents, William Clark and wife.

Miss May Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, and George Boyls were quietly married by Rev. W. A. Coale on Wednesday afternoon. The bride and groom will reside on a farm in Kent Co., Md. We extend to them our congratulations.

The teachers and scholars of the Episcopal Sunday School met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Padley on Friday afternoon where they received their Xmas treat of ice cream and cake, and each was presented with a nice present. A delightful time was had by all.

Miss Annie E. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Jones, Jr., and James P. McCoy were quietly married by Rev. W. A. Coale, on Thursday afternoon. They then left for Atlantic City. On their return Saturday evening they were escorted through town by wagons and carriages full of men and boys blowing horns and ringing bells. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy will reside in town.

This being the first of the year a great many changes took place in and out of town. William Freeman has moved his family to Philadelphia and William Lipscomb into the house vacated by William Freeman, and Frank Biggs into the house vacated by Mr. Lipscomb. George Beaton moves on the farm vacated by William Dushane and Mr. Dushane to the Dragootti farm. Fred Myers moves to the house vacated by Mr. Beaton, and Mr. Brown to the house vacated by Mr. Myers. Harry Budd moves to his own home vacated by James Smith. Mr. Smith to the one vacated by John Burton and Mr. Burton to the house vacated by Mr. Budd. Samuel Hurlock moves from his farm to the house vacated by William Taylor, while Mr. Taylor moves to his new home on Main street.

**PORT PENN**

Miss Bertha Reed left on Saturday for Richmond, Va.

Mrs. John M. Evans left on Tuesday for visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. F. P. VanHeike called on old friends in town on Saturday morning.

Miss M. D. Eaton came home this week from her usual holiday visit in Odessa.

Mrs. William Carpenter, of Newark, visited relatives here part of last week.

Mrs. Bender and daughters returned on Tuesday from a visit to Camden, N. J.

Misses Newcom and Huston returned on Tuesday and opened school next day.

T. Bayard Fisher left on Wednesday to engage in shad fishing at South Island, S. C.

Surgeon General Wyman, of the U. S. Marine Hospital service, visited the Reedy Island station on Wednesday.

Mr. William Hecceflow and family attended a farewell dinner at the home of Mrs. Mary Reynolds on Tuesday.

M. S. Alexander Johnson returned to Philadelphia on Saturday after spending Christmas in her father's family.

Rev. W. H. Logan preached an appropriate sermon on the closing year last Sunday to a very limited audience.

Frank B. Hickman and sons, Harry and Charles, reached home on Wednesday after a sojourn in Philadelphia for several days.

The New Year was ushered in by the ringing of the Presbyterian Church bell and that of the public school at midnight, immediately followed by vigorous blasts from the whistles of several steamers fog bound and anchored off in the river.

**SECRET HANGMAN**

Trustees of the New Castle county workhouse have engaged a hangman to take charge of the execution of William Archer, colored, on January 11 for the murder of Ida Elizabeth Spire, also colored. A new law is now in effect taking hangings out of the jurisdictions of the sheriff and vesting the carrying out of such mandates of the court in the trustees of the county workhouse. The law enables the trustees to designate some person to hang persons convicted of a capital crime, and to engage professional hangman if they wish.

Warden A. S. Meerve Thursday said that the name of the man who is to hang Archer will not be revealed, and it is the intention to keep it a secret if possible. The trap is sprung by the hangman as he stands behind a screen and cannot be viewed by the witnesses of the execution.

Archer does not seem to be worrying about his impending fate, as he laughs and jokes with the men on watch at his cell, and eats as heartily as he ever did. He does not mention the approach of the date for his execution, and in many ways is a puzzle to the workhouse staff. Rev. B. T. Moore, of Shiloh Baptist Church visits Archer daily.

Lewis Johns, colored, who is under sentence to be hanged on January 25 for the murder of Arameta Jones, a colored, is equally as remarkable as Archer in his indifference to death. Like his colleague he laughs and jokes and does not seem to take the prospective execution seriously. "I'm glad it's over," he remarked after had been convicted in county court and sentenced had been pronounced that sealed this doom.

**NOTICE**

The Annual Meeting of the

**Cantwell Mutual Insurance Co.**

Will be held at the hotel of CHARLES W. LLOYD, in Odessa, Delaware,

**Monday, Jan. 7th, '07.**

At which time seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposit Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid.

The Directors have declared a dividend of ten (10) per cent. out of the Surplus Fund. On all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 7th, 1907.

Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. CORBIT, President.

JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.

Odessa, Del., December 19th, 1906.

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## Miss Hilary's Cow-Puncher

BY WILLIAM MACLEOD RAINE

It was when the stage was about to begin its long climb up Gunpowder Hill that Miss Hilary's cow-puncher suggested to her in offhand fashion that they get out and walk.

"I'll take the kinks out of your legs, lady, and Manuel, he'll wait at the top for us, explained the curly-haired youth.

Miss Hilary assented very promptly, for she was on an avowed hunt for the picturesque, and this tanned and flannel-shirted young son of Arizona was the most promising specimen she had yet cast eyes on. He had appeared out of the chaparral some dozen miles back on a buckskin bronco, had sent his pony Keno back to the Three Circle Ranch with a touch of a switch, and had climbed to the seat on the stage beside the driver.

For an hour he had taken in with an apparently inattentive ear the girl's pungent comments to her uncle on the country, while carrying on meanwhile a desultory conversation in Spanish with Manuel. Since his alert blue eyes forbade the hypothesis that he was stupid, the puncher's indifference to her indirect sallies dampened a little Miss Hilary's enthusiasm. It had not been her experience hitherto that young men were wont to be indifferent to her presence. She felt it would be too bad if this cool youth with the Hermes shoulders—the first she had yet seen to measure up to her ideal of what a cowboy should be—were to offer her no opportunity for an intelligent study of him. Therefore Miss Hilary did not punish herself in order to punish him by refusing his somewhat tardy overture, but she made a concession to the memory of conventional Massachusetts so far as to suggest to the asthmatic uncle who accompanied her that she walk with them. That unambitious gentleman declined without reservation.

"I didn't come here to take kinks out of my legs, my dear. But that isn't any reason why you shouldn't walk a bit if you like, Shirley."

Miss Hilary's cow-puncher—hers by right of discovery and exploration—had looked on horseback the embodiment of lithe and muscular grace. Now she noted that on foot he went with just a touch of the bow-legged swagger that was fitting for an unhorsed rider of the plains.

Going to Oracle, I suppose? the young man asked.

Yes—to Neal's. We thought it might help my uncle.

Best place on earth for sick people and they'll treat you white at the 3 N Ranch. There are lots of good rides around there, too, if you're a rider—and I guess you are. His bold eyes took in her long curves swiftly from a horseman's point of view.

I don't know about your broncos, she said.

Oh, they are easy riding. All you have to remember is to guide with the rein.

The girl looked over at her discovery with curious eyes.

Say it, lady, suggested the man.

I was only wondering if you were ever in a big city.

Yes'm, once I was in Denver, he said innocently. But I don't take it to right kindly. Me for the cactus-washes and the cattle-trails. I ain't hardly enough to live in cities, I reckon. And the curly-haired one filled gratefully his deep, strong lungs with Arizona ozone.

And is Denver the only city you ever were in?

He looked at her in surprise and considerable amusement apparently. No'm, I often been in Tucson. Of course, Tucson ain't what you'd call a big city, but I shouldn't wonder if there was right smart doing there.

They came to a point in the jutting road where across the wide, sun-bathed valley they looked to the brown Galleros beyond. For mile upon mile the gorgeous panorama stretched before them.

The girl took a long, deep breath. I wonder, she began, on a voyage of discovery to the untraveled land of her cowboy's mental make up, if you, who live here always, appreciate this sort of thing as much as I do. Her glance circled round to include the whole vista before them.

Yes'm, I sure do like it, assented the native son cordially, misunderstanding her with cheerful promptness. You see, I don't often get the chance to do the Alpine-tourist act with a lady, so

I naturally calculate to enjoy—

Miss Hilary had to bite her lip in order to compass the severity necessary to convey her disapproval of this levity. I was referring to the scenery, she informed him.

Here, too. It certainly is beautiful. His eyes looked into hers with such a solemn innocence that presently their laughter rang gaily out in concert.

I didn't expect that in Arizona, she told him.

Oh, Arizona ain't so far off the map, he rejoined airily, and hummed a snatch of ragtime to convince.

That song has been out of date two years.

Two years ain't much in Arizona. It takes a man longer'n that to die of a rattlesnake-bite here. Shall we take this cut off, lady? It'll get you to the top quicker.

She nodded. The cow-puncher observed that the girl went up the steep trail with a lithe and easy certainty that the slenderness of her figure had not promised.

Then the young man saw something else that brought him to pause. A man was standing on the crest of the hill silhouetted against the skyline, and he was packing into his saddle-bags something which caught and reflected the sunshine in glints of light. The young man drew Miss Hilary behind some boulders.

What's the matter? she asked, all excitement.

I'm not sure, but I don't quite like the way things look. Would you mind waiting here a few minutes alone?

He went forward stealthily, crouching low and gliding from rock to rock till he was within a dozen yards of the man he was dogging. Like a tiger he leaped across the remaining distance. The other turned, reaching for his revolver.

Hands up! cried the cow-puncher, covering him steadily. Don't frighten me, or this gun might go off and accidentally hit something.

The outlaw flung himself to his horse, but the curly-haired youth dragged him down to the ground before his feet were in the stirrups. He tried again, without rising, to draw his gun, but the cow-puncher's heel crashed down and shattered his wrist.

I guess you'll stay hitched now—Mr. Bill Burley.

Who the hell are you? demanded the writhing highwayman with a vile oath.

The young man's tone was no longer a drawl, but sharp and clear as a bell. Wadleigh, Captain of the Arizona Rangers, and I've been looking for you for two months—ever since you robbed the Nogales stage. It's lucky for you I wasn't on the stage just now when you held it up, or I fancy you would have been with the good Indians by this time.

The ranger Captain heard a light step behind him and without turning called sharply.

It is only I, Captain Wadleigh, answered Miss Hilary's cool voice. The girl looked at him an instant out of eyes grown hard and unfriendly, then swept past him down the slope beyond.

Half an hour later when Wadleigh arrived at the 3 N Ranch hotel with his prisoner a score of guests and employees were lined up to greet him, but his eyes sought in vain for a glimpse of Miss Hilary. He did not catch sight of her before he set out for Tucson next day with his prisoner.

He knew she was offended about something, but since he knew of no real cause for offense he laid it to the caprice of a spoiled girl and resolved to put her from his mind.

It was on one of the Sunday picnics of the 3 N Ranch that Captain Wadleigh and Miss Hilary came next to speech. He had met her out riding once or twice with guests of the Neal Ranch, but her curt nod of recognition had not encouraged him to rein in for conversation. Wherefore he had been as carefully independent as she. But despite the curly-haired young fellow's debonair manner he had not been able to rid his mind from dwelling on the girl's charmingly piquant face and vivid personality. He was determined not to let the matter rest in its present state.

Wadleigh was riding through the Canon del Oro when he came on the picnic party sunning itself somnolently in an after-dinner siesta. From the least drowsy of the party he picked up by

casual inquiry that Miss Hilary and another young woman, who was also a guest at the hotel, had ventured farther up the canon. A half mile deeper Wadleigh came on a young woman returning slowly to the picnic party with her hands full of gorgeous wild poppies. Miss Hilary, it appeared, had insisted on climbing up the great bluff which fronted them, and her friend had declined the labor and was now returning alone.

The young man threw Keno's rein to the ground at the point where the trail led round the bluff and climbed up the rocky path. He came on Miss Hilary at the summit. She turned her brown, tawny eyes on him and gave him a greeting not very cordial.

Apparently I am *persona non grata*, said Wadleigh presently, when he thought that the weather and the scenery had been sufficiently discussed.

I didn't know that people in Philadelphia were so frank in expressing their appreciation of a situation, retorted the girl, looking straight at him.

Oh, are we in Philadelphia? smiled the plainsman.

That is where you come from, I am given to understand. It is your native city, is it not?

The ranger began to see light. Would I of necessity be a Hindu because I chanced to be born in India? he fenced.

That's a quibble, Captain Wadleigh, returned the girl, eying him scornfully. You are a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

He abandoned ingloriously his outer line of defenses. Well, it's not a capital crime even if I am, he said good-humoredly.

Angry sparkles glinted in the girl's eyes. No, any more than it is a capital crime to play on a girl's credulity and pretend to be what you are not.

Did I do that?

You did. You are not a cowboy at all, she said, flushing angrily. I discovered that when you began to talk to the stage-robber. Your English was as correct as mine.

Oh, but I am a cowboy. I happen to be half owner of the Three-circle bar Ranch, he expostulated.

You're a fraud just the same. You pretended to be a native typical cowboy, and you are not. Did you not assume it in the first place, Miss Hilary?

That doesn't excuse you in the least. You encouraged me to think so. You talked and acted like one, she accused.

For some minutes they held to a resentful silence, then the young man continued as if there had been no break, while the girl was occupied with her own thoughts.

You had been telling your uncle that the people of this country were not picturesque enough. I did not want you to be disappointed. I wanted to give you a chance to study the unfettered and primeval man you were longing to meet.

In short, you made me ridiculous, she said bitterly.

That was the last thing in my thoughts.

One might think it should have been the first thing to be courteous to a woman and a stranger. But if the stranger were bent on considering one as a type? Doesn't that release one a bit from the obligation?

I did not suppose anything released one from the obligation to—

The girl paused, and Wadleigh completed her sentence for her—to be a gentleman, you would say. That is a little rough on me, but if you look at it that way I suppose that closes the argument. He rose and bowed a little stiffly to her, then turned away.

The girl got to her feet with a little flurry of penitence. Remember, it was not I that put it that way, but you.

You implied it. You would have said it if you had dared. I would not, she flung out. I don't like you—I don't like you at all, but I'm not going to have you putting words in my mouth. You have no right.

Your dislike makes me very unhappy, said Miss Hilary's discovery, a glint of ironic amusement in his eyes. I am afraid you don't look as you feel, she retorted disdainfully.

I strive to conceal my real feelings.

You are doing very well. But I am detaining you, Captain Wadleigh. Don't let me keep you.

He laughed shortly and began to saunter slowly down the hill, when a sharp cry reached him. Turning back to her, he heard a little groan and saw Miss Hilary sink to the ground.

He was beside her again in three steps. What is the matter? Oh, nothing, she said, and bit her lip to keep back another groan.

He looked puzzled, but unconvinced. If there is anything I can do—

There is nothing. Oh, yes, there is! You can go away.

The ranger saw then the trouble. She had trodden on a cluster of cactus-burns and their cruel needles were pressing through the thin kid of her shoe against her foot. In an instant Wadleigh was kneeling beside her, drawing out the lace with light, deft hands, and gently removing the shoe. Then he pulled out the prickles one by one from the little bleeding instep. The girl blushed to her eyes, but the young man appeared to take it so much as a matter of course, scarcely looking at her at all, that she was reassured.

These cholla needles will pierce through anything except hard leather. Does it pain very much now? he asked.

No, not now, she answered, and quietly threw her skirt over her foot.

Wadleigh busied himself removing the cholla from the shoe. He handed it back to her. She slipped it on and laced it.

I suppose I made too much of it, but it really did pain dreadfully, she explained.

I know how it pains, and I don't think you made any fuss at all. I have had it happen to me, said the ranger. Then he blurted out. I was rather a beast, Miss Hilary, about playing you with the native-son story. But I didn't really mean to hurt your feelings. I had some idiotic idea of a joke.

She looked at him a little shyly. Shall we begin again, Captain Wadleigh?

I should like another chance, if you please, because I really am sorry that you don't like me.

Her eyes opened wide. Don't I like you? I thought we were making another start. Perhaps I do now.

Their glances met for an instant, then the girl's sought the distant hills. She found herself blushing. It was a new experience for her to thrill at a man's look. It is possible you may not like me.

Not thinkable! replied the young man masterfully, his eyes claiming more than the words. I think I had better be going back to the others, suggested Miss Hilary, vaguely but delightfully alarmed.

Really—Shirley.

His drawing audacity shocked and thrilled her. This method of procedure was new to her. Although she had heard of the difference between Eastern and Western manners, she was not prepared for this lack of ceremony after the identity of her discovery had been revealed. She looked a reproach she thought she ought to feel. You must not say that.

What most I say? he smiled. I think you know my name. Isn't Shirley your name?

You know it isn't—to you.

Oh, not to me! He looked away across the hills, still smiling. I'd like it to be—to me. Don't you think we'd better let it be 'Shirley,' Shirley?

The sharp look that Miss Hilary gave him showed both admiration and anger. You take a great deal for granted, she told him icily.

I'd like to skip the next two months and take you for granted, he said with a sudden daring tenderness.

Captain Wadleigh, your audacity and conceit—she began.

Say it. I probably deserve it all, he suggested.

She was silent from sheer inability to say the things that the situation demanded.

Shall we go back to your friends? They may think we have eloped.

It's too absurd to think even for a moment.

A few months ahead of time, perhaps.

You certainly do not lack assurance, she flung over her shoulder.

In the bottom of your heart you wouldn't want me to be meek—you know you wouldn't. You see, the meek don't inherit the earth in these days. When a man wants a thing he has got to take hold of it and fight for it.

You are full of theories of conduct. Do they always result in you expect in actual operation? she asked.

He stopped, holding out a hand. If you'll tell me, on your word of honor, that there is no chance on earth for me, I'll walk over that hill, catch my pony there, and ride out of your life.

She tried to tell him to go, but the words would not come.

It's ridiculous. I hardly know you at all, she temporized at last. Shall I go? he demanded.

It was a small and hurried voice that answered him. I haven't any right to drive you away from the rest of your friends here.

Then she flamed out in a sudden anger: If you say another word more about this to me for a month I'll hate you always.

His eyes smiled, but he held his peace.

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